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In re Application of:

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ADJUSTMENT OF INTRAGASTRIC  
BALLOONS

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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the references listed on the attached 1449 forms. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed PTO-1449 form and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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